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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 954

By White

A RESOLUTION to commend Ruth Reeves for her honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as a member of the Loretto City Council.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ruth Reeves is one such person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Reeves is an outstanding citizen and a highly respected member of the Loretto community; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Loretto, Ms. Reeves is the daughter of the late Bill and Agnes Reeves; and

WHEREAS, a proficient scholar, Ms. Reeves attended Sacred Heart School and Loretto High School, graduating in 1946 as Valedictorian of her class; and

WHEREAS, after graduation, Ms. Reeves accepted a position as an operator for the Loretto Telephone Company and assiduously worked for that organization for 54 years, retiring from the accounting department; and

WHEREAS, eager to enhance her community, Ruth Reeves sought political office and was elected to the Loretto City Council in 1991; and

WHEREAS, throughout her exemplary eleven year tenure as a councilwoman, Ms. Reeves has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to her community; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her duties as a councilwoman, Ruth Reeves has served the Loretto community through numerous organizations and civic activities, including the Lioness Club, the Lawrence County Democrat Women's Club, the Loretto Lift-up Committee, the American Legion Auxiliary, the Sacred Heart Altar Society and the Sacred Heart School Committee; and

WHEREAS, for her outstanding community service, Ms. Reeves was awarded the 1998 South Lawrence County Citizen of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, a woman of deep convictions, Ms. Reeves is a member of the Loretto Sacred Heart Church; and

WHEREAS, Ruth Reeves' remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to her unwavering reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and her uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Reeves is a an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and she epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, Ruth Reeves is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby commend Ruth Reeves for her honorable and astute service to

the good people of Tennessee as a member of the Loretto City Council and salute her unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.